

"Worship Challenges!"

Exodus 15

What are unreal challenges to worship?

1. I'm not religious - I don't believe in God.

Everyone is religious who has something or someone of supreme value or importance to them.

Romans 1:21-25

2. I don't like the music - it's not my style.

There is no mention in Scripture about style of music, only content.

Psalms 150

What are the real challenges to worship?

Exodus 15

1. It is about truly singing about the Lord. (1-5)

It's not about you!

2. It's about truly singing to the Lord. (16-18)

It's not about you!

3. It is about what God has done. (1-12)

It's about gratitude and past grace.

4. It is about what God will do. (13-17)

It's about confidence and future grace.

5. It is about worshipping with God's people. (1, 20-21)

6. It is about more than singing but living it. (22-27)

Romans 12:1-2

The heart of every problem is the problem of the heart.

So what...Are you up to the challenge?

What was your take-away from Sunday? (A particular point, challenge, encouragement or question)

Getting connected (A possible opening question to start your group)

Have you ever written a song or a poem? Would you be willing to share it?

Going Further- Growing in Christ

1. Keep working on the memory verse- *"In this is love, not that we loved God, but He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." I John 4-10*

This week pray for Barry Maique as he shares Christ in public schools in the Philippines, starts Bible clubs on campus and develops youth ministries in churches.

Share something from your Personal Time with God.

2. Read the entire song (*Exodus 15:1-18*) and describe the tone of this song. Tell about a time you were so happy that you just had to sing or do a little dance.

Why is it important to celebrate?

(Even people who don't like to sing aloud or are willing to sing "Happy Birthday" with others!) Why is that?

3. Is there any line in this song (*Exodus 15:1-18, 20-21*) that stands out for you? Why?

4. This is a "fun" question. We all have our favorite styles of music. Is this song more like an opera, rock, top 40, country or some other style?

5. Which of the main points from Sunday are most "helpful" or challenging for you?

6. Look at a couple of other "songs" in Scripture. What do you "like" about their lyrics?

Luke 1:46-55

Luke 2:13-14 (A short one)

7. A repeat question- Share one of your favorite songs

Taking it Home- Spend time praying with and for each other. Read the prayer passage this week- *Ephesians 1:15-20*

Try assigning each person to pray for someone in their group. Continue to pray for needs in our community, missionaries, wisdom for leaders, and people in your Oikos.

Look for ways to be a blessing to someone this week.